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In re the application of

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Serial No.: 09/626,577

Filed: July 27, 2000

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
VERIFYING DELIVERY AND
INTEGRITY OF ELECTRONIC
MESSAGES

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This application was filed in the USPTO on or about July 27, 2000 by predecessor attorneys. We became the attorney of record in this application in approximately May 2001.

A novelty search was mailed by the predecessor attorneys to applicant on November, 1999 and a written report was made by the predecessor attorneys to applicant

on November 20, 1999. A copy of this search report is included in the file of this application.

The following patents were cited in the search report:

5,926,550; 5,915,024; 5,872,848; 5,748,738; 5,781,629; 5,673,316;
5,661,805; 5,615,268; 5,606,609; 5,530,757; and 4,933,969

Copies of these patents are enclosed.

The written report relates to the following:

"SEARCH CRITERIA

A system and method for the third party archiving of a verification code for the authentication of the integrity or content of an electronic document, as further described and illustrated."

Applicant does not believe that the patents listed above affect the allowability scope of the claims in this application.

Applicant is also including in this information disclosure statement a copy of patent 6,182,219 B1 issued on January 30, 2001. A suit is pending against applicant's assignee in the United States District Court for the Central District of California for alleged infringement of this patent. Applicant is prepared to show the United States District for the Central District of California that it does not infringe this patent. Applicant believes that the claims in this application distinguish in important patentable respects over the disclosure in patent 6,182,219 B1.

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Respectfully submitted,

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